कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) : (क) लालमटिया राजमहल परियोजना में उत्पादन योजना के आधार पर गांव तथा ग्रामवासियों के घरों का चरणबद्ध रूप में अधिग्रहण किया गया है । प्रथम चरण में, 3 गांवों को, जिसमें 399 परिवार थे, का पुनर्वास किया जाना है । व्यक्तियों की संख्या, जिनकी भूमि अधिग्रहण की गई है, की संख्या 860 है ।

(ख) और (ग) ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लि. के पास एक योजना है, जिसके अंतर्गत वे परिवार जिन्हें उनकी भूमि से विस्थापित किया गया है, का पुनर्वास चरणबद्ध रूप से करेगी । इस प्रयोजन के लिए पुनर्वास स्थल का अधिग्रहण कर लिया गया है तथा संरचनात्मक सुविधाएं विकसित की जा रही हैं । विस्थापित परिवारों को घरों के निर्माण के लिए भू-खंड उपलब्ध कराए जाते हैं तथा उन्हें अन्य विस्थापित संबंधी सहयोग तथा सहायता दी जाती है । पुनर्वास लाभ, जिला प्राधिकारियों तथा जनता के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ परामर्श करके उपलब्ध कराए जा रहे हैं । व्यक्तियों को तब तक स्थानान्तरित नहीं किया जाता है जब तक कि उनके लिए वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था नहीं कर दी जाती है और वे स्थानान्तरित होने के कारण तैयार नहीं होते हैं ।

Kittadi Jhanjra and Sonepur coal project

5265. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased state :

(a) the name of the agency who prepared the project report and who approved the same in respect of Kottadi underground project, Jhanjra underground Project and Sonepur Bazari Open Caste;

(b) what is the reserve and projected capacity of the Kottadi Underground Project;

(c) what is the sanctioned cost;

(d) what is the date of approval;

(e) what is the total investment made till 31st March, 1994;

(f) what is the production capacity as on 31st March, 1994;

(g) whether it is a fact that the production capacity of the above projects is not likely to be achieved inspite of revised cost estimation and higher investment than the original sanctioned cost;

(h) if so, who is responsible for this state of affairs; and

(i) if not, why even 30 per cent of the estimated production has not been achieved even after such a large investment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) The original project report of Jhanjra underground project was prepared by experts from erstwhile USSR. This was elaborated by the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Ltd. (CMPDIL). Project Report for Kottadih project was prepared by CMPDIL and the underground portion was based on the technical inputs of French Experts. The Project Report for Sonepur Bazari OCP was prepared by CMPDIL. All the Project Reports were approved by the Board of Directors of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. as well as of Coal India Ltd. Investments on all these projects were approved by the Government.

(b) to (f) The details of Kottadih project are given below :—

(i) Extractable reserves	(UG—41.43 mt. OC—24.71 mt.)
(ii) Capacity—2.48 mty	(UG—1.38 mty. OC—1.10 mty.)
(iii) Sanctioned cost—	Rs. 267.52 Crores (UG—Rs. 179.01 crs. OC—Rs. 88.51 crs.)
(iv) Date of sanction of the combined project	9th June, 1989
(v) Total investment made till 31-3-94 (Provisional)	Rs. 225.97 crores
(vi) Production capacity as on 31-3-94	(UG—0.30 mty. OC—Nil)

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.

(i) In Kottadih (Underground) longwall equipment has just been commissioned and results are expected from 1994-95. The opencast part of the project is delayed due to delay in land acquisition.

Development of Opencast Mines

5266. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the logic behind the development of opencast coal mining only and giving priority to the same irrespective of its poor quality; and

(b) how much average UHV Kg/cal is getting out of the total production of non-coking coal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) The current production mix of opencast and underground production is an outcome of the regional demand pattern and the geo-mining and techno-economic considerations in exploiting the deposits. In the post nationalisation period there was a shift towards increased opencast mining for obtaining bulk production in short time frame and to match the growing need of the economy especially the power sector. However, priority is attached to both opencast and underground mining.

(b) The average Useful Heat value (UHV) for non coking coal produced by Coal India Ltd. is about 4300-4400 kilo calories per kilogram for 1993-94.

Exploitation of Lignite in Bikaner Distt.

5267. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether any MOU between Government of Rajasthan Ministry of Coal, and Neyvali Lignite Corporation exists that NLC would exploit all lignite in Bikaner Distt, for Power generation;

(b) whether Government are also aware that NLC is finding it difficult to develop Barsungsar due to fund constraints; and

(c) if so, whether Government would agree on the request of Rajasthan Government to release Guda and Bilthok lignite deposits from the MOU so that the State Government could offer them for private power generation cum mining projects;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Memorandum of